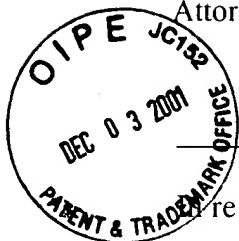


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DE 198 46 509 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose a method for producing a printing form.

DE 198 45 711 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose exposure device for printing plate blanks.

DE 196 24 441 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,070,528 disclose a process and device for gravure printing.

DE 196 24 394 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,832,821 disclose a driven cylinder.


DE 43 41 246 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose a device for handling sleeves on cylinder.

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